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 present the news of the day, to foster commerce and industry, through widely
 distributed advertisements, and to furnish that check upon government which
 no institution has ever been able to provide.—Col. R. R. McCormick.

The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the
 industrial and social resources of Hope.
 Have city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in
 the alleys and business back-yards.
 Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

Construct a highway program providing for the construction of a
 good road of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the
 dirt-road mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific, agricultural
 program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's greatest
 industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort
 is as practical in the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.
 Efficient tax reform, and a more efficient government through the
 budget system of expenditures.
 Free Arkansas from live cattle tick.

"Do Nothing" Government

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Hoover Monday asked congress for
 \$15,522,420 in additional appropriations for the federal government during
 the present fiscal year.

The request includes \$60,000,000 for advances to the states under the
 federal aid road construction program.

This newspaper has been hammering the county judges
 of Hempstead for three years.

We have attacked them for the failure to build all-
 weather county roads when the state was turning money
 back to them for that specific purpose.

We have attacked them for refusing to hire agricultural
 agents, "on account of the expense," when at the same time
 they were having their own salaries increased.

There is nothing personal in our attack. Public funds
 and public policies are fair game for a public journal.

What we are trying to do is, by criticism and comparison
 to show how little our local government is accomplishing for
 its people and how much they ought to expect of it.

As our first paragraphs disclose, we pay federal taxes,
 and for part of those taxes we get back concrete performance
 —paved highways, things we can see and feel.

We pay a tax on gasoline to the Arkansas state govern-
 ment, and for that tax we get trunk and inter-county high-
 ways that are immeasurably better than the roads we had
 before the gasoline tax was levied upon us.

But the Hempstead county government has become a
 "do-nothing" government, which swallows up all taxation
 simply to meet the overhead of the courts and the necessary
 pie dealt out judiciously to a local political crowd. Not in
 three years has the Hempstead county government contrib-
 uted in a major way to any progressive, permanent public
 work. It has swallowed up old tax monies, and benefitted
 from new ones—but the quality of its "do-nothingness" is as
 simeon-pure as Calvin Coolidge, reactionary New Englander,
 who believed government should be comfortable to an office-
 holder but fled before the approaching storm.

There has been this significant change in the Hempstead
 government in recent years. The salary of the county judge
 has risen from \$1,800 to \$2,400, until today it is \$3,000. The
 state originally turned back to Hempstead county \$28,000 a
 year for county highways, and at the beginning of 1931 raised
 the gasoline tax from 5 to 6 cents a gallon, the extra cent
 going to the counties and increasing Hempstead's total highway
 fund to \$45,000 a year.

What public service has been performed for this new
 high salary, and this new and burdensome taxation?

Here is one penalty we have suffered because a negligent
 county shirked its share of the public works burden: Tax
 support of the county agents was cut off in 1928, since when
 the Southwest Arkansas Fair has been going steadily down-
 hill. It missed paying off premium-winners in 1930, and
 again this year. Possibly the drought accounted for the 1930
 losses; but the lack of field workers to stimulate rural at-
 tendance certainly caused the loss this year. Lynn Smith,
 former Hempstead agent and No. 1 ranking agent of the
 state, left our county this time last year to go to Union
 county. This year's Southwest Arkansas Fair lost money—
 but this year's Union County Fair made money and paid
 its premium-winners off.

Twenty years ago Hempstead county knew nothing but
 cotton. It has by great diligence and faith built up a consid-
 erable business in truck crops. The new business prospered.
 But these are hard times in any line. Who will keep the
 farm business men heartened to their task if our county
 government won't support the agents' program?

You may differ with us about the county agents. But
 you'll agree this is a poor time to be paying for anything
 we're not getting. Prosperity hasn't exactly returned yet,
 but good-timing by our county government never has gone
 away.

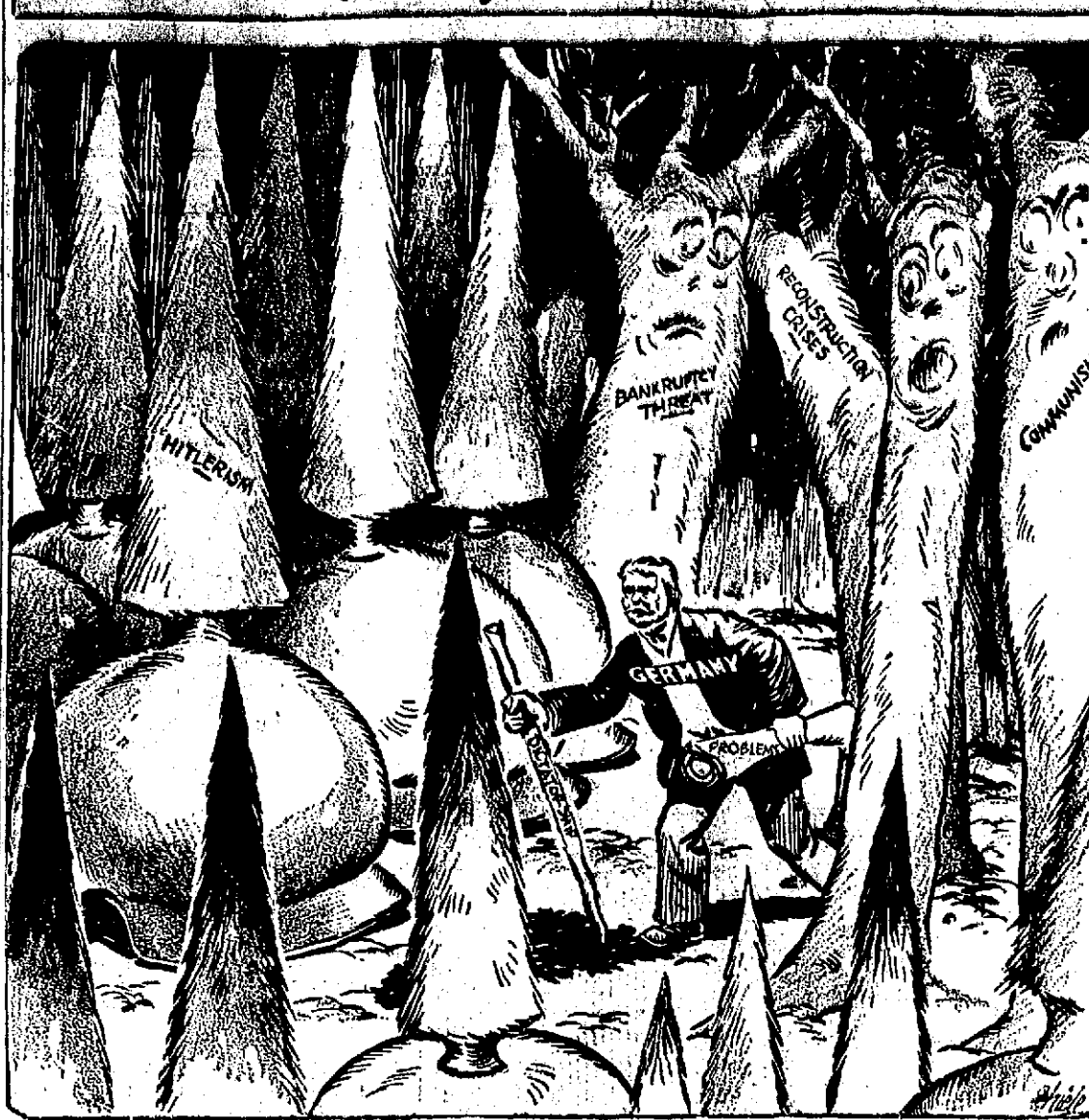
A Magnificent Gesture

ONE very encouraging instance of applied altruism in busi-
 ness is that furnished recently by the Edgar Thomson
 mills of the Carnegie Steel Company at Braddock, Pa., where
 6000 men have been given jobs to tide them over Christmas.

These men have been taken back although no new orders
 for steel have been produced. The plan will cost the steel com-
 pany in excess of \$500,000, it is said—but the workers will
 not face Christmas with empty pockets.

In the long run, probably, the company will not suffer
 by this action. Nevertheless, it is a gamble, and the officials
 who put it into effect deserve high praise. Christmas around
 Braddock this year will be a good deal brighter than would be
 the case if they had not had the courage to do the unusual.

Germany's Black Forest!



Joe E. Brown Surprises Friends

"Local Boy Makes Good," Delights With Hilar- ous Humor

It is a new Joe E. Brown who on-
 vorts across the silver screen in "Local
 Boy Makes Good," the first National
 production which will open Sunday
 at the Saenger Theatre.

The new Joe is as funny as the old
 Joe, but in a different way. He is not
 at all in the mood of "Top Speed,"
 "Hold Everything," "Broad Minded,"
 or "Going Wild." He is timid, self-



effacing—near-sighted—a victim of an
 inferiority complex. He labors under
 the suppressed desire to be a devil
 with the ladies and at the same time
 a power among the athletes of the local
 college.

In reality he is a clerk in a book-
 store and a student of botany. In his
 dream world he is forever mooning
 over—and writing letters to—Julia
 Winters, a co-ed of a distant univer-
 sity, whose picture he has seen. These
 letters, filled with avowals of devotion
 and exaggerated praise of his own
 athletic prowess, he never mails. Some-
 one else does mail one of them, how-
 ever, and thereby hangs this tale. To
 his dismay Julia writes that she is
 coming to attend the track meet and
 to meet her hero.

The role of Julia Winters is played
 by Dorothy Lee, the petite blonde
 whose vivacity added so much to "Rio
 Rita" and other Wheeler and Woolsey
 vehicles. Julia arrives and adds to
 Joe's discomfiture by announcing that
 she is accompanied by her husky lover,
 Spike Hoyt, captain of the track
 team of her college—portrayed by Ed-
 ward Woods. Julia notes Joe's timi-
 dity, and being a bug on psycho-an-
 alysis, tries, without success to imbue
 him with courage.

Before Julia's arrival a pretty clerk
 had come to share Joe's labors in the
 bookstore. Marjorie Blake—played
 with charm by the young Florida
 screen find, Ruth Hall.
 Marjorie has urged Joe to take part
 in the contests to alibi himself. He
 has tried to do so, successfully, but
 with disastrous results, as his attempts
 to throw a javelin, result in an injury
 to one Wally Pierce, speediest sprinter
 of the school—played by Edward J.
 Nugent.

Wally pursues the distressed Joe in
 such anger, that the officials, amazed
 at the speed of the two, decide that
 both must enter the races for the hon-
 or of the school.

The appalling things that happen to
 Joe—the clever means by which Mar-
 jorie spurs him to action—his unex-
 pected victory—and his final rejection
 of Julia—who, now that he is a win-
 ner is all for ditching Spike—make a
 play of such uproarious fun and at
 the same time such humanity—that it
 ranks as one of the best comedies of
 this or any season.

Letters to Santa Claus

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 in the fourth grade. I go to school at
 Washington and my teachers name is
 Mrs. Holt. Please bring me a pair of
 gloves, a raincoat, some candy, apples
 oranges and nuts, some fire works,
 and don't forget my teacher.

Charline McCormick.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 nine years old and in the fourth
 grade. Please bring me a new dress,
 a pair of gloves a sweater, candy, nuts
 fruits and fire works. Don't forget
 all the little children.

Nona Louise Mangum.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy ten
 years old. I want a bicycle and fruits
 and nuts of all kinds.

Roscoe Timberlake.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 nine years old. I want you to bring
 me anything that is nice for a little
 girl. Please bring me some nuts,
 fruits and candy. Please don't forget
 other little children and my teacher,
 her name is Mrs. Holt.

Lucy Martin.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to
 bring me a pair leather boots. I want
 you to bring me a leather coat, some
 candy, apples, nuts, pistol and some
 fire crackers.

P. Q. Lovells.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—It is nearly time
 for Christmas. I am writing to you
 to tell you what I want. I am in the
 fourth grade, and am nine years old.
 I want you to bring me a real big
 doll and something else that is nice,
 and be sure and don't forget my
 mother and daddy, and be sure and
 don't forget my school teacher, her
 name is Mrs. Holt.

Hope McAteer.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl.
 I want you to bring me a pencil box,
 a sewing box and a set of dishes.
 Bring me some candy, nuts and some
 fruits of all kinds.

Lucille McCormick.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I have been a
 good little girl and I want you to bring
 me a little doll, cook stove, fruits and
 nuts and most of all a big doll that
 goes to sleep.

Gwendolyn Churchwell.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 four years old, mother said if I didn't
 be a good little girl you wouldn't fill
 my stockings up Christmas Eve night.
 I want you to bring me a doll, doll
 bed and lots of fruits, nuts. Your
 cake will be sitting on the dining room
 table for you.

Wilmer Faye Hartsfield.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—This is my first
 year in school and Santa I am asking
 that you do not forget my teacher who
 is so sweet to me, Miss Allen. I want
 a wagon, a pop gun and of course I
 will put up a big stocking as you can
 fill it full.

Herbert Hartsfield.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy
 11 years old. I go to school at Wash-
 ington. I have a good teacher. I want
 you to bring me an air gun and four
 boxes of gun shot.

Tommy Gray.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please
 bring me a doll in a cage with two
 dresses, one coat, two hats, a suit.
 Please bring Evelyn May a doll and
 bring me a pair of skates.

Evelyn Ruth Timberlake.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy
 nine years old and in the fourth grade.
 I want you to bring me some fire

crackers, some nuts, candy, oranges
 and apples, a pair of gloves and rub-
 ber boots.

Bernice Gilbert.

Deal Old Santa—I don't go to

school, but I want you to bring me
 a truck with cotton in it, a little
 lawn mower, a horn, some skates,
 boots, a whistle and a gun and caps,
 bring mother, daddy and Mrs. Hobbs
 something. I love you a lot.

Bruce Boy Romig.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 boy eight years old, and I want you
 to bring me a football and a number
 10 bicycle and candy, fruit, nuts and
 fireworks.

Curtis Yates.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me

a doll, table and chairs, a cooling
 set and stove, that is all I will ask
 for this Christmas. Please bring my
 baby sister a doll and aluminum
 dishes. Don't forget mother and
 daddy.

Elizabeth Rhea Wiggins.

915 W. 6th St. Hope Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 boy six years old. I go to Paisley
 school, my teacher is Miss Allen.
 Please bring me a red wagon, a color-
 ing set, and some pistol caps, also
 bring me a box of sparklers, fire
 works, nuts and fruits, don't forget
 mother and father and my teacher.

Lyle Allen.

McCaskey, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am nine years
 old and in the third grade. I go to
 Blevins school. My teacher's name
 is Miss Mary Leslie. I like her very
 much. Please bring a big doll with
 long hair, candy, fruits and nuts.

Estelle Barber.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am nine years
 old and I want you to bring me any-
 thing you like for a little girl of my age.
 Don't forget the fruits and nuts, and
 please don't forget mother and daddy
 and brother, his name is Burnie Lee.
 Don't forget my teacher, her name is
 Mrs. Holt.

Jane Eubanks.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little

girl. I would like for you to bring
 me a rain coat for I need it badly. I
 have to walk a long way to catch the
 buss. I also want some fruit and
 nuts if you can. Well I won't ask for
 much this Christmas. Don't forget
 the little girls and boys without a
 home. Don't forget my big sister at
 Little Rock school and the deaf.

Mandideen Malone.

Route 5—Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy
 five years of age I don't go to school
 but sure would like to go. I want
 you to bring me a new cap, a new
 sweater, a French harp, a rubber ball
 and lots of nuts, fruits, candies and
 fireworks. Don't forget my brother.
 Emmett Carl Vickers.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy
 8 years old. Please bring me a tri-
 cycle, and fruits and candy. Please
 don't forget all the other children.
 James Hardy McCormack.

Washington, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 eight years old, and in the third grade.
 I want you to bring me a doll, a doll
 buggy and a doll trunk. I want some
 candy, apples, oranges and fireworks.
 Don't forget my brothers and sisters.
 Louise Page.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me
 a toy tractor and car, apples, oranges,
 candy and all kinds of nuts. Don't
 forget mother and little brother and
 sister.

Bobbie Harvey.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa—I want you to bring
 me an air gun and a rain coat and
 fire crackers of all kinds. Do not
 forget my little brother and my moth-
 er and father.

Warren Butler.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am writing
 early, but I want to be in time. I'm a
 little girl eight years old. I am in the
 third grade. Santa I want you to
 bring me a tricycle, candy, fruits and
 nuts. Don't forget other little chil-
 dren and my teacher, Miss Roxie
 Watkins.

Eunice Foster.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to
 bring me a bicycle and some apples
 and some toys and nuts for my Chris-
 mas.

Elbert Nations.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 girl nine years old and in the third
 grade. My teacher is Miss Roxie
 Watkins. Please bring me a doll, a
 pair of gloves and a watch and a
 ring and don't forget my little brother
 and sister. Please bring mother
 and father some apples and oranges
 and bananas, too.

Imer.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me
 a bicycle for my Christmas present.
 I want one that is the right size for
 a boy ten years old. You may paint
 it red and green, also bring nuts,
 apples and candy, oranges, a glove,
 bat and ball.

Talmage Powell.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 girl, ten years of age. I have been
 good this year. I have helped my
 mother in the house, and also my
 father in the field. I want you to
 bring me a finger nail file, a bracelet,
 pair of beads, and a ring. I also want
 some fruit, nuts and candy. Santa
 please remember my mother, father,
 brothers, and sister.

Irene Neal.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 boy nine years old. I am in the third
 grade. I like to go to school and I
 have been a very good boy. I want
 you to bring me a little tractor and
 a coasting wagon and some fruits and
 nuts. Don't forget to come to see
 me.

Coy Clements.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to
 bring me a 22 and a lot of shells, and
 some candy and nuts and fruits.

Alfred Honey.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 girl. I would like for you to bring
 me a rain coat for I need it badly. I
 have to walk a long way to catch the
 buss. I also want some fruit and
 nuts if you can. Well I won't ask for
 much this Christmas. Don't forget
 the little girls and boys without a
 home. Don't forget my big sister at
 Little Rock school and the deaf.

Mandideen Malone.

Patmos, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 girl 12 years old. I want you to bring
 me a little doll, doll buggy, I want you
 to bring me some dishes and some
 doll dresses and lots of apples, nuts,
 candy, fireworks, fire crackers, doll
 shoes too. Don't forget my little sister
 and brother either, My teacher's name
 is Miss Roxie.

Nora Powell.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa—I want you to bring
 me some candy and some apples and
 some oranges and some nuts and
 anything else you think would be
 good for a little boy like me. Be sure
 and bring me some fire crackers.
 Finie Collins.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa—I am a girl ten years
 old. I go to school at Spring Hill. I
 am in the third grade My teachers
 name is Miss Roxie Watkins. I want
 you to bring me a wrist watch and a
 pair of beads and some candy, some
 apples, oranges, some bananas. Be
 sure you bring mother and father
 something for Christmas.

Virgie Jones.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa—I am going to school
 every day. Please bring me a doll and
 some candy and fruits and nuts of
 all kinds.

Dorothy Turner.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to
 bring me a doll and a doll buggy,
 please bring my little sister a doll.
 My sister is three and I am eight.
 Margaret Fant.

Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 8 years old, and I am in the third
 grade. I want you to please bring
 me a little doll, a sweater, colors,
 fruit, candies, nuts and fireworks.

Ernestine Collins.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little
 boy 9 years old. I am in the third
 grade. I go to school at Spring Hill.
 My teacher's name is Miss Roxie
 Watkins. I like my teacher. I want
 you to bring me a 22 and a tricycle and
 some boots and nuts, fruits and
 candy and fire crackers and nuts. Re-
 member all the children. Remember
 my little sister, bring her something
 nice.

Lester Miller.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl
 ten years old and I go to school at
 Rocky Mound. Please bring me a doll
 a pair of gloves, dishes, fruit, nuts
 and oranges. Don't forget my teacher
 Mrs. Joyce Monts.

Dale Mitchell.

Patmos, Ark.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little

girl, ten years of age. I have been

LIFE TERM FOR MURDERER

Wealthy Kansas City Woman Held by Kidnap Band

Mrs. Nellie Donnelly Head of Garment/Manufacturing Concern Sought

RANSOM DEMANDED

\$75,000 Asked by Gang for Safe Return of Woman and Chauffeur

KANSAS CITY.—(P)—Mrs. Nellie Donnelly, wealthy garment manufacturer, is reported held by kidnapers who threatened to blind her and kill her negro chauffeur, unless \$75,000 ransom is paid without police interference.

The money must be paid Thursday night or Friday morning in front of a downtown hotel.

Moses 'Marathon' Still Grips Senate

Deadlock Over President Pro Tem Election Continues After 19 Ballots

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Marking time awaiting some business to act upon, the Senate resumed the "Moses marathon" Wednesday with two more ballots failing to break the deadlock over reelection of the New Hampshire Republican as president pro tem.

The western Republican independents whom Senator Moses once termed the "sons of the wild jackass," gave their 13 votes to Senator Herbert of Rhode Island, a Republican regular, on the 18th and 19th ballots taken.

But the 32 Republicans voting stood by, Moses and the Democrats answering the call again linked up solidly behind Pittman of Nevada, and no election resulted. A majority is necessary.

Before getting to the balloting the Senate debated for an hour on the only bill that has reached its calendar from committee, the Walcott measure for protection of wild life. It was laid aside without action after opposition to some provisions developed.

The Independent opposing re-election of Moses were reported tonight to have sent word to the Republican leadership they would vote for any other Republican candidate. However, Senator Watson of Indiana is standing by Moses.

Election of a Democrat seems to be the only way out unless Moses is allowed to continue by default. Adjournment was taken until Thursday after the 19th ballot. So far not one word of debate over the issues involved in this personal controversy has been uttered.

Arkansas Cotton Breaks A Record

Average 249 Pounds to Acre; Miller Lowest With 146 Pounds

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Arkansas has shattered all its previous cotton production records this year on the basis of government estimates, with an indicated yield of approximately half a bale to each of the 3,582,000 acres planted to the staple.

Charles S. Bouton, federal-state crop statistician, in an analysis of crop figures Wednesday revealed that the state will produce on the average 249 pounds of lint cotton to the acre, or 44 pounds an acre greater than the previous high yield and 80 pounds an acre greater than the average for the past 10 years.

Indicated production figures will place Mississippi county in the forefront of all cotton producing counties, Bouton believes, with a yield of between 125,000 and 190,000 bales.

The yield for the state this year is almost two and a half times the amount for the drought year of 1930, when 107 pounds were produced to the acre.

Mississippi county's average production per acre is 407 pounds, but its neighbor, Greene county, is producing at the rate of 420 pounds an acre to lead the state, while another neighboring county, Poinsett, is producing 412 pounds to the acre.

Miller county, with an indicated yield of 146 pounds of cotton to the acre, has the lowest average of the 68 counties which grow cotton.

Bandits Take Bank Cashier and \$600 Cash

MEMPHIS.—(P)—The Cordova Bank and Trust company of Cordova, Tenn., near here, was robbed of \$600 at noon Wednesday by two bandits who walked the cashier and a lone customer to a point about a quarter of a mile from the bank before they were freed.

On Mystery Trip To China



Vincent Schmidt, above, veteran war flyer, is on his way to China, where he will "tour the orient," according to the smiling story he gave ship reporters. There is considerable speculation as to the real reason for the trip. Schmidt flew an observation plane for the Second division during the World war.

Rain Once More Stops W. R. Atkins

Convicted Ex-Banker May Start for Prison Again Thursday

CAMDEN.—William R. Atkins, convicted banker of McCaskill, Hempstead county, left Camden Wednesday for Little Rock to enter the penitentiary to begin a two-year sentence, but due to heavy rains, he was forced to return, it was said here Wednesday night by his attorney, George R. Heflyne. Atkins will make another effort to reach the state prison Thursday, it was said, and hopes to arrive by mid-afternoon.

Atkins has been carrying his own commitment papers for several days, expecting to go to the penitentiary unaccompanied by an officer. He left Camden by automobile Wednesday, and probably will use a similar conveyance Thursday, it was said.

After pleading guilty to four counts of embezzlement during his tenure as cashier of the Bank of McCaskill, at McCaskill, in 1930, Atkins was sentenced to two years. Sentence was deferred, however, until last April, and about the time he was expected to arrive at the penitentiary, he was granted an indefinite furlough by Lawrence E. Wilson, acting governor.

Last October Atkins pleaded guilty to other charges, and again was given a two-year sentence.

Two Basket Ball Games Scheduled

Lewisville and Washington Here for Games on Thursday Night

HOPE high school basket ball fans are promised two fast games at the local high school gymnasium on Thursday beginning at 7:30, according to Coach Charles Wilkin.

One of the opponents will be the Lewisville High School team and the other game will be with a team from Washington.

Both of these games promise to give fans interesting entertainment and a large crowd is expected.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



When toast burns, it gets a back look.

President Hoover Asks Early Action on Reconstruction

Republicans Urged to Consider Billion Dollar Proposal

HEARING TO BEGIN

Senate Committee Hearings Expected to Begin on Friday

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Congressional Republicans have been urged by President Hoover the pressing need for early action on his proposed half billion dollar reconstruction corporation and senate committee hearings will start Friday.

On the house side, Representative Snell, Republican leader, requested Chairman Steagall of the banking committee, to expedite the hearings so this legislation could be brought up in January.

Auto License Sale Will Open Monday

1932 Plates May Be Purchased Either in Hope or Washington

The sheriff's office is going to put on a sale Monday, December 21. But there won't be any bargains. It's strictly a one-piece sale. Utility, and not fashion, will dictate the buying—and as a matter of fact the news of this big sale at the sheriff's office will be received with mingled emotions by the citizenry who perhaps would just as soon not do any buying at all right now.

The article up for sale is the 1932 Arkansas state auto license. Sheriff and Collector John L. Wilson announced Thursday that the license would go on sale next Monday both at the Hope city hall and the courthouse in Washington.

The same rates apply this year as in former years, the sheriff said.

Parents on Trial For Child Cruelty

Edith Riley, Alleged 'Closely Guarded,' Center of Interest in Courtroom

WASHINGTON.—(P)—A 18-year-old girl attired in a neat green dress, walked into District of Columbia Supreme Court Wednesday and gazed about curiously as scores of eyes were focused on her.

She was Edith Riley. Her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Riley, were on trial on charges of cruelty to the child. The government contended they had kept her confined in a dark closet for three or four years.

Edith, her black bobbed hair neatly combed and looking plump and healthy was led to a chair facing Justice Letts. She sat comfortably, with one leg tucked under her, while Dr. Isidore Rodd of Gallinger hospital testified as to her physical improvement since she was taken from her parents six weeks ago.

Seated only a few seats from her father and stepmother, the child did not appear to pay them any more attention than others in the crowded courtroom. Her father looked at her for a while while Mrs. Riley glanced at her once or twice.

Dr. Rodd said Edith weighed only 38 pounds, due to malnutrition, when taken to the hospital. Now, he added, she weighs 57 pounds.

The physician said Edith can walk unassisted now, is much brighter than six weeks ago, liked to play with toys and other children and laughs and sings.

When she came to the hospital, he added, she merely looked straight ahead with a blank expression.

H. R. Stephenson, attorney for the Rileys, said he would show that the child was delinquent. Dr. Rodd said he had seen no evidence of this. Stephenson also said Mrs. Riley was "not mentally responsible."

Hayes McRae Joins Bensberg Music Co.

Hayes McRae has accepted a position with the Bensberg Music company, in charge of radio sales and service. Mr. McRae had charge of this department of the McRae Hardware store for several years. The Bensberg Music store opened here a month ago, on the corner of Second and Walnut. They have the agency for Philco, Majestic, RCA and Brunswick radios, and will service all makes, according to Mr. McRae.

Heiress, 15, Fights for Truckman Mate



Beatrice Barclay Pickrell, 15, daughter of wealthy John C. Barclay of Montclair, N. J., appeared in court and helped her truckman-husband, Davis T. Pickrell, raise bond for later appearance on an abduction charge preferred by her father. She slid down a sheet and escaped from home recently. The above photo was snapped as the couple were reunited in court.

Blanket of Snow Over Texas Plains

Other Regions of the State Are Drenched by Steady Rains

(By Associated Press) Snow covered the plains of West Texas Wednesday, causing a sharp decline in temperatures. Other sections of the state were drenched by steady rains.

The storm moved into Texas from the Rocky Mountain region and headed toward the Gulf of Mexico, where a low pressure area was reported.

Forecasters for Wednesday night warned shippers to expect mercury readings around the 20 degree mark in Northwest Texas. Freezing, or near freezing temperatures were expected in adjacent sections.

The entire Panhandle was blanketed with from three to four inches of snow, reports from Amarillo, Plainview, Borger and Pampa indicated. The snow fall had extended west into New Mexico and far to the north.

Pecos and Big Springs reported snow falling Wednesday in the plains region to the South. Brakenridge had heavy snow preceded by rain. Light snow which melted as it fell, was reported at Electric.

Wichita Falls and Brown wood were visited by chilling sleet and rain. Vernon reported heavy rain, accompanied by lightning.

Traffic over highways of the Panhandle was delayed by the storm. Plane schedules were interrupted at several points.

East Texas was soaked by snow, steady rains. Longview and Tyler reported the rains continuing Wednesday. Denison had rain and some sleet. Dallas had a small amount of rain Tuesday night, and Wednesday's precipitation thoroughly soaked the vicinity.

To the south, San Antonio, Austin, Corsicana, Houston, Beaumont and Galveston reported light rains. Overcast skies in the southern part of the state threatened more rain Wednesday night.

Del Rio, El Paso and other towns on the Rio Grande had no rain Wednesday.

Seven Men Held on Liquor Counts

Four Arraigned in Texarkana Arrested in Hope Monday

TEXARKANA.—Four men from Hope, two from Prescott and one from Belviders, were held to the Arkansas federal grand jury on liquor charges here Wednesday.

The defendants, charges, and bonds fixed were as follows: Tom Ellis, negro, Hope, possession and sale, own recognition; Jack Cornelius, Hope, two charges of possession and sale, \$500 on each charge; Jess Thomas, Belviders, possession and sale, \$500; Glen Burns, Hope, possession and sale, \$500; Arthur Clements, negro, Prescott, transporting, possession and sale, \$300; Otis Boman, negro, Prescott, possession, \$400. All made bond except Boman.

In the absence of Commissioner Warren Stevens, Deputy United States Marshal Clarence Buhler was directed to take them before Acting Commissioner Louis Joseph. The arrests were made Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by Buhler and Deputy Sheriff Clarence Baker, Hope.

Bulletins

SANTA MONICA, Cal.—(P)—Pete Negri, boxer star, who underwent an operation Wednesday, a blood transfusion following her operation and her physicians revealed Thursday that another transfusion might be necessary. Her condition is reported to be grave.

MEMPHIS.—(P)—The mid-South was shaken Wednesday night by a mild earthquake that frightened householders in four states but did little damage. The shock extended from Helena, Ark., to Birmingham and from Jackson, Miss., to Jackson, Tennessee.

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—A stamp of the Little Rock college recorded a earthquake of "fairly great intensity" at 9:35 Wednesday night.

WASHINGTON.—(P)—The House Thursday voted \$200,000,000 to meet the demands of veterans adjusted certificate loans. The house banking committee approved the Steagall bill to create a \$100,000,000 revolving fund for Federal Farm Loan banks.

WASHINGTON.—(P)—President Hoover has appointed Robert E. Olds, of St. Paul, a former Under Secretary of State to be the American member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague.

Robinson Answers Hurley Statement

Republicans Seeking Support of Administration Leader Charges

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Democratic Senate Leader, Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, charged in the Senate Thursday that Secretary Hurley sought in his speech to the Republican National Committee Wednesday to capitalize the non-partisan support which President Hoover sought from the Democrats.

Hurley, Senator Robinson said, sought to arouse the slumbering cohorts of partisanship in an effort to glorify the National administration.

Heavy Rains Hinder Camden Rebuilding

Ouachita Rising Rapidly With Fear Held It May Reach Flood Stage

CAMDEN, Ark.—Close upon the heels of the tornado, continued rains caused rapid rise in Ouachita river here which may send it past flood stage of 30 feet. The river stood at 28.1 feet here Wednesday and was still rising. Cattle and crops in lowlands will suffer most. Most highways are all above high water but traffic may be delayed by swollen creeks on some routes.

Over two inches of rain fell here Wednesday hampering reconstruction work and stopping work entirely on the frame courthouse which begun Tuesday. Many county agencies have obtained temporary quarters in other buildings with post office offering third floor for use. The county health unit, county farm and home agents are located in this building.

Rain caused more damage to buildings and fixtures. All but seven injured in the tornado have left the hospital. These are Mrs. Bassell Durham, 28; Mrs. Elmer Pinkston, 39; Elmer Pinkston, 37; Mrs. Howard Colvert, 26; Howard Colvert, 23; Louise Colvert, 2; Mrs. Ted Domaski, 30; Mrs. Pinkston and Domaski were the most seriously injured and for a time it was thought that their injuries might prove fatal. But they have rallied and are improving steadily.

Jewelry Display at Store of L. A. Keith

L. A. Keith has made arrangements for one of the most complete displays of Christmas jewelry at his store in several years, through an arrangement with one of the manufacturing jewelers from whom he makes most of his purchases. This firm has sent one of their representatives here with an unusually large stock to be displayed at the Keith jewelry store, East Second street, until Christmas.

Clark County Ginnings Are More Than Doubled

ARKADELPHIA, Arkansas.—There were 19,973 bales of cotton ginned in Clark county, of the 1931 crop, up to December 1, as compared with 7,727 bales ginned to the same date in 1930, it was announced by Charles B. Watson, special agent for Clark county.

Bowie Guilty of Poisoning Wife Jury Decides

Youth Is Fed Through Tube; Mouth Is Sealed

HOT SPRINGS.—(P)—Twelve-year-old Jack Weeks' mouth is sealed with wax and adhesive tape and he is fed through a tube after three operations for an infected jawbone but he goes to school, plays with other children and has gained three pounds since his trouble started.

His chief worry now is over being exposed to diphtheria. An opening left by the removal of some teeth is used for the tube through which he takes nourishment. The youth has spent little time in bed since the infection developed last spring, is happy, and otherwise healthy.

15 Ford Dealers Entertained Here

Memphis Branch Holds Luncheon in Hotel Barlow Thursday

Ford dealers from 15 cities in Arkansas and Texas were entertained at a business meeting and luncheon at Hotel Barlow Thursday morning until noon by the chiefs of the Ford branch factory at Memphis.

The meeting in Hope was presided over by T. J. O'Neill, assistant manager of the Ford Memphis office, who was accompanied by the following other officials from Memphis: M. P. Meadows, wholesale manager; M. J. L. Atterbury, supervisor of road men; M. E. Jones and Mr. Young, road men; and Mr. Williams, of the Universal Credit company, Ford financing company.

Assisted by the Hope Auto company and its manager Tom McLaughlin, local Ford distributors, the visiting officials entertained Ford agents from the following points besides Hope: Ashdown, Texarkana, DeQueen, Foreman, Dierks, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Prescott, Stamps, Lewisville and Bradley, in Arkansas; and New Boston and DeKalb, in Texas.

Following the Hope meeting the Memphis officials left for Camden where they were to hold a similar session Thursday afternoon.

Negroes Held in Train Wreck Probe

Three Face Quizzing in Accident—One Just Out of Prison

SHREVEPORT, La.—(P)—Three negroes were held Wednesday for questioning in connection with Monday's wreck of a Texas and Pacific passenger train in which two persons were killed.

Lockwood Wilson, negro, former employee of the railway, who recently completed a three years penitentiary sentence for train wrecking, was to be questioned as to his whereabouts the night of the wreck. Two other negroes, whose names were not revealed, were held as possible material witnesses.

Wilson maintains he had nothing to do with the wreck at Hutchingson's Spur, 18 miles south of here. Parish officials, however, said he had not accounted for himself to their satisfaction. The negro was twice arrested in connection with the wrecking of T. and P. trains in Red River parish, but was acquitted in each instance.

J. W. Gorman, 55-year-old engineer, and S. P. Sutton, Jr., 21, of Arcadia, La., were killed in the wreck, caused officials said, by deliberate tampering with a switch.

Fouke-Columbus Cagers Will Meet

Games Scheduled With Both Boys and Girls Teams Here

Fouke and Columbus, Miller county and Hempstead county, winners of several basketball tournaments, will play two games in Hope Friday night according to an announcement from Columbus Thursday.

These games will be played at the armory building on Fifth and Walnut streets. Both boys and girls teams from the two towns will play.

A large crowd of basketball fans and supporters are expected to attend.

Arkansan Tries to End Life Over Despondency

PARAGOULD, Ark.—(P)—Depressed by ill health and failure to obtain employment, Ira Jenkins, 50, inflicted two knife wounds in his neck Wednesday in an alleged attempt to end his life. Though he is in a serious condition, he is expected to recover.

Little Rock Man Convicted of Plot That Killed Mate

State Chemists Testify to Finding Traces of Poison in Body

FAMILY TESTIFIES

Children of Dead Woman Testify in Court Wednesday

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Deliberating only a short time a jury early Thursday found Charles E. Bowie guilty of poisoning his wife last October and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment.

Bowie, a laborer, is accused of plotting his wife's destruction because he was infatuated with another woman. State chemists testified that they had found poison in her viscera and neighbors said the couple quarreled.

Mrs. Bowie was the mother of seven children and was pregnant at the time of her death.

On Stand Three Hours Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Fred A. Donham concluded the testimony with the closing argument of Bowie. The defendant remained on the stand for an hour before court was adjourned for supper, and for two hours during the night session Wednesday night.

He maintained, however, that he had never made any threats against his wife or children, except in a "jesting" manner, and denied that he had ever threatened to kill his family.

Bowie appeared agitated over several questions asked him in cross-examination and frequently replied that he did not remember.

In an effort to discredit his testimony, the state brought out during the questioning that Bowie had stolen a cow from one of his neighbors and had been accused in several other offenses.

The witnesses said that he had professed religion since the death of his wife and admitted that he desired more than anything else to forget the last 30 minutes of his wife's life. He did not explain why he had made the statement that he desired more than anything else to live over the 30 minutes, except to say that "he and his wife had quarreled, and that she had died without giving him her forgiveness."

The principal witness for the defense was Orville Bowie, aged 16, the only one of the seven Bowie children who sided with his father. Orville denied that his father made statements that would indicate that the mother had been poisoned. He also denied statements of the other children that their father had placed something in a pan of dumplings which had caused the food to turn green.

The older daughter had testified that her father declined to eat the food, and that she warned the other children not to eat it. She said that she placed some of the dumplings in her father's lunch, which he took to the woods the next day, and that he cautioned his younger son not to eat it and brought it back home.

Miller Slayer Is Given Furlough

Leon Barton, Killer of Clyde Pilgreen, Is Freed From Penitentiary

TEXARKANA.—Leon Barton, slayer of Clyde Pilgreen, was given an indefinite furlough Wednesday by Governor Harvey Parnell, which may suspend further service of the 10-year term given him in June, 1930, on a plea of guilty to second degree murder.

Pilgreen was a brother of Claude Pilgreen, for whose recent killing Matt Larey, of Fouke, was tried at the current term of Miller county circuit court. A mistrial resulted.

The cause of the quarrel which preceded the killing of Clyde Pilgreen June 1, 1930, was never aired, though officers were led to believe from statements of officers that it concerned a woman. Barton was intoxicated at the time and declared he was too drunk to remember what happened.

Pilgreen was shot once, the bullet lodging in the spinal column and causing his death in a Texarkana hospital. The shooting occurred at the home of Miss Helen Combs near Fort Lynn.



ALPHA

SOME HIGHBROWS ARE BRAIN-GRINDERS ARE JUST BOLD.

LOTIA HOKUM
HIS WORD
IS HIS BOND.

THANKS TO LOTS OF NOBLE ART.

THEY HAVE THE WHACK PICKING OUT FINE PRESENTS (GIFT)

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark

CRUISERS

Do you think we should include the Billingsfords in the list, or shall we just send them a card this year?

SALESMAN SAM By Small

Sam Plays Safe!

AW, YES, DE GUY I'M WAITIN' FOR - G'MON STOP A FEW OV MY PUNCHES, SAM -

NUTHIN' STIRRIN', BATTLEAX - MY STOMACH'S ALL UP-SET!

BATTLE-AX'S GYM BOXING LESSONS \$1.00 PER PUNCH

BUT, HOLD IT! I'LL OBLIGE YA IF YA PROMISE NOT TO HIT BELOW TH' BELT!

DAT'S A GO! NOW GIT INTA SOME RING TOGS!

OKAY, AXIE! ALL SET - AND REMEMBER YER PROMISE!

OUT OUR WAY By Williams

I AM I'M SPREADIN' ASHES ON TH' SLIDIN' PLACE, BUT IM JIS WAITIN' FER AT MAN T' GIT BY.

YOU MEAN YOU'RE WAITIN' FER AT MAN NOT T' GIT BY, I KNOW YOU!

A LOVE FOR ACTION

WASH TUBBS

A PRETTY GIRL, HERR TUBBS, ASKED ME TO GIF YOU DIS.

AH HA! A MASH NOTE.

I BET IT'S FROM THE BLOND.

OBOY! SURE ENOUGH! SHE WANTS ME TO COME OUT TO SEE 'ER. SHE WANTSA THANK ME.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

WELL WELL WELL!! ARE ALL THOSE FOR ME?

HON! SAY - YOU'RE Y'GONNA GIVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS?

I HAVE T'KNOW, SO I'LL KNOW WHAT T'GET YOU

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

HIGHLY RELATED OVER THEIR SUCCESSFUL BUILDING OF A READY-CUT CLUB HOUSE, FRECKLES AND OSCAR ARE STILL THERE, AFTER THE OTHER BOYS HAVE GONE HOME...

NOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO CALL OURSELVES THE SHADYSIDE OODLES, YOU AN' I OUGHTA BE PRESIDENT AN' VICE-PRESIDENT!!

SURE, BUT THEY DONT HAVE THOSE IN KIDS CLUBS, OSCAR!

WELL, BUT WE GOTTA BE SOMETHIN' HIGH...WE THOUGHT UP MAKIN' THIS CLUB HOUSE!!

THIS IS THE OODLE CLUB, SO WE OUGHTA THINK OF SOMETHIN' THAT WOULD FIT IN WITH OODLE...

LET'S GEE... MEBBE I CAN THINK OF SOMETHIN'...I'M USUALLY PRETTY GOOD AT STUFF LIKE THAT!!

I TELL YOU!! YOU'RE THE DOODLE AN' I'M THE NOODLE!!

SWELL! AN' TH' OTHER KIDS WILL BE OODLES!!

GEE! I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, OSCAR!! YOU ALWAYS THINK OF TH' BEST THINGS AT THE RIGHT TIME!!

THERE YOU GO...RIGHT AWAY MAKIN' MISTAKES... I AINT OSCAR - I'M TH' NOODLE!!

FRECKLES AND OSCAR HAVE BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED DOODLE AND NOODLE OF THE SHADYSIDE OODLES.....

THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)

I WONDER WHAT I CAN BUY GLADYS FOR CHRISTMAS?

SHE HAS VANITY CASES, POCKET BOOKS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THERE ISN'T A THING IN THIS WINDOW THAT SHE NEEDS

GEE! ONLY A FEW SHOPPING DAYS LEFT - AND I HAVEN'T DECIDED ON CHICK'S PRESENT YET. HE HAS DOZENS OF TIES AND THINGS - I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING HE HASN'T A SUPPLY OF -

WHY NOT TAKE HIM SHOPPING WITH YOU AND SEE WHAT HE LIKES AND THEN GO BACK LATER AND GET IT?

SAY, THAT'S A HUNCH - I'LL DO IT!!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE By Ahern

COME, COME, LADS! I'M TAKING UP A COLLECTION TO BUY A WEDDING PRESENT FOR JASON! - Y'KNOW, THE RASCAL WALKED THE PLANK THE OTHER NIGHT, AND I THINK IT FITTING WE CHIP IN AND GET HIM SOMETHING!

IS THAT YOUR DOLLAR IN THERE, OR IS IT JUST A DECAY? IF WE ALL KICK IN, YOU'LL PUT YOURS BACK IN STORAGE!

I'VE SEEN THAT DOLLAR BILL BEFORE! - IT'S GLUED TO TH' LINING OF HIS HAT!

FOR A GIFT, WHY NOT GIVE JASON TH' PLUSH HAT?

IF IT WON'T FIT, HE CAN USE IT FOR A RABBIT TRICK

YOU START WITH FIVE, AN' WE'LL GO A \$1. EACH

Die DOWN -

No Rod for Wash!

SAY, THAT'S GREAT. WE'LL START AT ONCE.

OH, NO YOU DON'T, I'M TH' ONE SHE WANTSA SEE. YOU WEREN'T EVEN MENTIONED.

OH, AWRIGHT. BUT I WOULDN'T TRUST THAT DAME, SPORT. YOU BETTER TAKE YER ROD.

WHAT! TAKE A PISTOL WHEN I CALL ON A GIRL? POO! THIS IS ROMANCE, YOU FAT HEAD, NOT A BATTLE.

Smart Boy!

OH - I'M GONNA GIVE YA MY LOVE

OH GOSH! I ALWAYS GET SOME OF TH' DIZZIEST PRESENTS

WELL - Y'KNOW, Y'CAN ALWAYS RETURN MINE!

Big Shots!

LET'S GEE... MEBBE I CAN THINK OF SOMETHIN'...I'M USUALLY PRETTY GOOD AT STUFF LIKE THAT!!

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A Good Tip!

WHY NOT TAKE HIM SHOPPING WITH YOU AND SEE WHAT HE LIKES AND THEN GO BACK LATER AND GET IT?

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SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

A VESPER SONG

The clouds of sunset fold on fold
Are purple and tawny and edged with gold.
Soft as the silence after hymn
Is the hush that falls as the light
grows dim.
And the phantom feet of the shadows
glide
To the maple tops and the river's tide
Not even the thought of a sound is
heard.
Till the dusk is thrilled by a hidden
bird
Then suddenly sings as the light
grows dim
Its wonderful, passionate vesper hymn
These are in this world where God is
king
Some that have nothing to do—but
sing
Though it may be low under waves of
pain
They found the pearl of purest strain.
Only this—it was surely best,
Since it taught them strains so full
of rest.
And showed the path to a lighted
ark
Perhaps to someone lost in the dark.
—Selected.

A Chevalier Smile



Mme. Maurice Chevalier, wife of the screen star, had this happy smile for America when, as pictured here, she returned to New York after a visit to her native France.

Miss Elizabeth Middlebrooks, of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., arrived Thursday morning to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Middlebrooks.

Lex Helms Jr., and Bruce McRae, who have been attending State College, Raleigh, N. C., will arrive Monday to spend the holiday season visiting with home folks.

Mrs. J. L. Stringer and Mrs. Dewey Baber spent Wednesday visiting in Texarkana.

Mrs. M. M. McCleughan and little son spent Wednesday visiting with relatives in Texarkana.

Teddy Jones, assistant coach at the high school will leave Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with home folks in Pine Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mrs. Howard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Richards.

Miss Joy O'Neill of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, will arrive Friday night to spend the Christmas vacation visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. O'Neill.

Miss Mary Leonard of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, will be the Friday night guest of Miss Pansy Wimberly, en route to her home in Washington.

John Wimberly of Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga., will arrive Sunday to spend the holiday season visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wimberly.

Miss Frances Drake of the Magnolia A. & M. will arrive Friday night to spend Christmas visiting with home folks.

R. M. LaGrone, Jr., has returned from a short visit with his sister, Mrs. S. E. Gilliam, at El Dorado. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Gilliam and children, Marjorie Ann and

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll and cart, stove, table and dishes.
Mary Lee Cook.

Washington, Ark.
Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me a jews harp, a football, fireworks, candy, nuts and all kinds of fruits. Don't forget my little sister.
James Gaines.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a gun that will shoot BB shot, and a pocket knife and some oranges and candy and some nuts.
Ollie Durham.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl nine years old and go to school at Grange Hall, and study the third grade. I want you to bring me for Christmas a pretty silk dress and a pair of gloves, all kinds of fruits and candy, and don't forget to bring my teacher something nice, her name is Mrs. Vera Reeves.
Francine Rogers.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a big red wagon and a tricycle and lots of fruits and candy and some sparklers if you please, and don't forget my little baby sister, her name is Peggy Jean, she is 18 months old and want you bring her a baby doll and a rocking chair. I will try to be good until you come.
Robert Charles Rogers.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy 22 months old and I want a rubber ball and some candy and apples.
Linton Crank.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 16 months old and I want you to bring

me a little doll, a rocker and nuts and candy, and don't forget my little uncle, Howard Vines, bring him something nice.
Babbie Jean Landes.

Hope, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy five years old and I want you to bring me a wagon, a gun and knife, nuts, candy of all kinds and don't forget my little baby sister, Ella Virginia.
Howard Vines.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy two years old and I want you to bring me a wagon, a ball and nuts and candy.
Kenneth Lewis.

Boughton, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—We are brothers and sister, we have been very good this year. I, Vivian a girl, for Christmas I want a doll, doll buggy, a fuzzy kitty cat, candy, fruit, nuts and apples. I, James Thomas, a boy, I want a bicycle, a dump truck, a coaster wagon, nuts and fruits of all kinds. Santa don't forget our baby brother, Billy Britt.
James Thomas and Vivian Harden.

Hope, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl in the third grade. I go to Oakland school. I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes, and a story book. I want some nuts and candy of all kinds. Remember all of the other children.
Esther Ferguson.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little gun a ball, some fruits, nuts and candy and lots of fire works.
D. B. Wright.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—We are two little sisters, 5 and 3 years old. We help our mother all we can in the house. We want a little set of dishes, a little doll, a little broom, some apples, oranges and nuts and also some fire crackers.
Lorene and Irene Wright.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy 10 years old. I go to school at Evening Shade. My teachers name is Mrs. Dixie Betts. I wish you would bring me a ball, knife, some fruits and candy, nuts and some fire works. Don't forget to bring my mother, father and sisters something.
Barnam Wright.

Patmos, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the second grade. My teachers name is Mrs. Dixie Betts. I wish you would bring me a ball, candy, oranges, nuts and lots of fire works.
Elroy E. Wright.

Hope, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy five years old. For Christmas I want a dump truck, some shots for my air gun, a music totp, fruits of all kinds and plenty of candy. I'll try to be good until then any way. Don't forget Glen.
R. M. Fincher, Jr.

Washington, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me a pair of boots, and an air gun and some ruit, candy, nuts and fire works.
Leo Eubanks.

Hope, Arkansas.
Dear Santa Claus:—Will you please bring me a box of handkerchiefs, and candy, fruits and nuts! Please don't forget my baby sister.
Grace Markly.

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A Real Christmas Sale
On All Holiday Goods

On account of adverse weather, we are forced to make drastic reductions on our entire stock of Christmas Gift Goods.

Get our prices before you make your selections!

Costs and profits are forgotten! We will not carry these gift items over until next season!

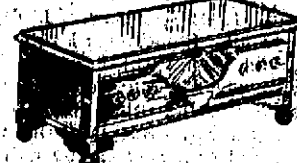
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Cedar Chests

To bring joy to feminine hearts. Never before have they been so beautiful. Nor have their prices been so low! Cedar lined walnut finish chests as low as

\$14.85

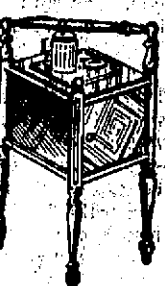
Cedar lined genuine walnut chests as low as—

\$18.75

Veneer Mirrors

Large size mirrors at a price that is almost unbelievable.

\$1.79



SMOKER STANDS

Never before have we shown so many pretty styles, at such great bargains.

Newest pedestal smokers, as low as79c

Popular cabinet style smokers as low as\$3.95

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Make the entire family happy at Christmas time this year with gifts of furniture! Christmas shoppers can profit by the most amazing values we have offered in more than fifteen years. Something for every member of the family, at savings never before equalled, and which may never again be duplicated.

PAY CASH AND SAVE

Money talks here. These sale prices will warrant your careful consideration. We want the cash, and we have cut prices, on our enormous holiday stock, in order that you will be quick to clear these fine furniture values from our floors.

Give Something For The Home

Occasional Chairs

Imagine being able to buy them so low as—

\$7.85

Kitchen Cabinets

Here's splendid gift suggestion that is sure to please the housewife.

\$18.75 UP

Table Lamps

A beautiful showing of brand new designs. Very low at

\$1.95

Bridge Lamps

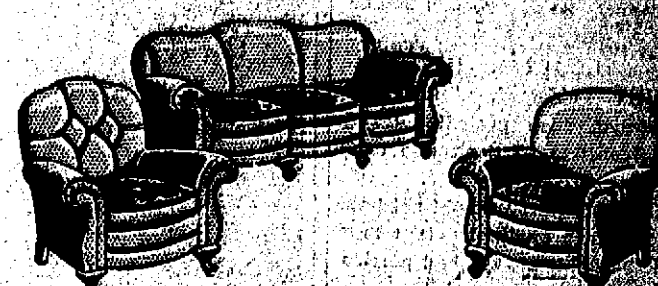
Wrought iron floor and bridge lamps, parchment shades. Bargains at

\$2.85 UP

Bed-Springs

If you are expecting overnight guests for the holidays, or have an extra room you want to furnish, take advantage of this special value. Sale price

\$11.75



A Beautiful New Living Room Suite

Three piece suits of tapestry or velvet. Think how happy it would make the family at Christmas time. Furniture of this quality may never be so low again.

\$59.75



Breakfast Table and 4 Chairs Only

Breakfast sets may never again be so low. Many other different styles and finishes from which to make your selection. And what bargains!

\$9.75

Hope Furniture Company

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Extends a Cordial Invitation to THE CITIZENS OF HOPE

To go stark crazy on Sunday and Monday December 20-21

Between the Hours of 2 p. m. and 11 p. m.

Guests of the Saenger will go delightfully mad on these days because the entertainment will be JOE E. BROWN in his clowning achievement "LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD."



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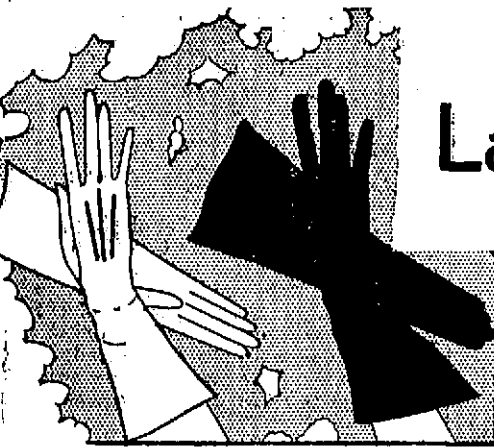
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